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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR TDY HELP

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1. CAMBODIA ECONOMIC PROBLEMS HAVE INTENSIFIED IN RECENT MONTHS. THIS HAS PUT AN INCREASED MANAGEMENT BURDEN ON THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. WITH RECENT CRISES, THERE IS NOW AN EXTRA WORKLOAD ON THE AID STAFF IN PHNOM PENH AND THIS REQUIRES ADDITIONAL PROGRAM POSITIONS MORE OR LESS IMMEDIATELY. SUPPLY AND LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ARE COMMANDING EVER INCREASING AMOUNTS OF STAFF TIME AND ATTENTION. FOR EXAMPLE, RICE ALONE IS A FULL TIME JOB FOR TWO MEMBERS OF THE AID STAFF. NOW THE POS SUPPLY SITUATION REQUIRES FULL TIME MANAGEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE TO BOTH US AND THE GKR IS AN ESSENTIAL PARTICULARLY IN RELATION TO RICE AND POL, AND ALSO IN CONVOY PROBLEM, AND MANAGEMENT OF PORT RESOURCES.

2. WHAT WE NEED ADDED TO THE STAFF NOW TO HANDLE THIS BURDEN IS:
(A) A FLEXIBLE AND ENERGETIC YOUNG OFFICER WHO CAN BE USED TO ASSIST IN PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND ANALYSIS ON THE ONE HAND AND PERFORM SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS ON THE ADVISOR.

3. WE NEED THIS ASSISTANCE URGENTLY. REQUEST 90-DAY TDY ASSIGNMENT BOTH PERSONNEL. ONE CANDIDATE WHO COMES TO MIND FOR THE PROGRAM OFFICER IS WILLY BAUM WHO IS KNOWN BOTH TO WEDEN AND OLMSTED.

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4. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

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